

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action dated December 12, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 18-25, 28, 31, 32, 34, and 55 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 18-25, 28, 31, 32, 34, and 55 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 34, and 55 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 18-25, 28, 31, 32, 34, and 55 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 18-25, 28, 31, 32, 34, and 55 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

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Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18-23, 25, 32, 34, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wonfor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,381,747) in view of Knee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,184).

Claims 4, 8, 12, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wonfor as applied to claims 1 and 5, and further in view of Tsutsumi (U.S. Patent No. 5,737,477).

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wonfor as applied to claim 22, and further in view of Alten et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,781,246).

Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wonfor as applied to claim 13, and further in view of Horlander et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,953).

Applicant submits that the independent claims (claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 34, and 55) are patentable over Wonfor, Knee, Tsutsumi, Alten, and Horlander (collectively "the cited references").

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward an information processing device, an information processing method and a computer-readable medium storing a computer program for implementing the method. The claims recite that the information processing involves identifying whether or not copy protect data is present in a program that a person wants to use or view, analyzing any such copy protect data, and controlling a display to display information regarding any such copy protect data. Each of the claims further recites that when the analysis of the copy protect data indicates that analog recording requires payment of a fee, the display is controlled to display a currency symbol to indicate that analog recording requires payment of a fee. The currency symbol is "displayed in a user-selectable button that is operable to initiate analog recording and which indicates that it is operable to initiate recording." (Emphasis supplied.) In this manner, the invention provides a readily-understandable symbolic indication that payment is needed to initiate recording. Further, by providing the currency symbol on the button, the likelihood that the user will overlook the need for payment is reduced since the symbol is located on the very button that must be activated to initiate recording. Supporting disclosure for displaying the currency symbol in a user-selectable button that is operable to initiate analog recording and which indicates that it is operable to initiate recording can be found in the specification at, for example, Fig. 12; and paragraph [0072].

None of the cited references discloses controlling a display to display a currency symbol in a user-selectable button that is operable to initiate analog recording and which indicates that it is operable to initiate recording. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 34, and

55 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant believes that dependent claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18-25, 28, 31, and 32 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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